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Attorney General John Ashcroft US Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I completely disagree with the last three years of litigation against Microsoft. The government has no right to keep messing around with private enterprise and it stands to reason why the economy took a turn for the worst when America's number one company is a victim of lawsuits brought on by the Attorney General and Microsoft's competitors.

The terms of the settlement are not fair as they force Microsoft to disclose interfaces that are internal to Windows' operating system products. They also force Microsoft to grant computer makers broad new rights to configure Windows so that competitors can more easily promote their own products.

Although the terms of settlement are not fully justified, I urge your office to implement it as soon as possible, because our economy cannot afford further litigation against it. Thank you.

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